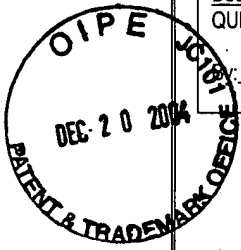


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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/574,386

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For: **Methods And Compositions For  
Preparation Of A Polynucleotide Array**

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**AMENDMENT/RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 23, 2004, and further to the Notice of Appeal filed on July 26, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for 3 months;
- 2) A Request for Continued Examination; and
- 3) Exhibit A – Qiagen Plasmid Maxi Kit Product Information.

Please amend the specification and claims as shown herein.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.